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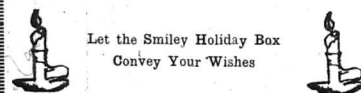
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Street Car Men
Re-nominate H. C. Woodside for Pres.

Members of Street Railway Employees Division 714, at the December 26th meeting, unanimously nominated H. C. Woodside for reelection as president. Mr. Woodside's reelection as president without opposition is in recognition of the valuable services rendered during his tenure of office, as well as his activities in the labor movement, with which he has been prominently identified for many years. Officers nominated were: For vice-president, P. H. Walton, recording secretary, W. H. Smith, and treasurer, Edward W. Cobb, warden, J. W. Carson, conductor, and sentinel, N. W. Burgess. The annual election will be held on Monday evening, December 27th, in the Division hall.

Retired St. Railway
Employee Dies After
Two Days' Illness

Charles S. O'Connor, aged 76, who retired several years ago after 33 years of service in the employ of the Portland Street Railway Co., died following an illness of but two days' duration.

The deceased, who came to Portland 50 years ago, had been a resident of South Portland for 15 years, and was highly respected by members of Division 714, and all with whom he came in contact. He is survived by four daughters and one son. The funeral, which was held from the home of his daughter, 125 Broadway, South Portland, was attended by a delegation from Division 714. The following members acted as pall bearers: President H. C. Woodside, P. H. Walton, H. C. Wiggin, and Herbert Bishop.

State of Mainer's
Officer Reports on
Organization Progress

Secretary Frank C. McDonald of the Portland Central Labor Union, who is a member of the executive board of the State of Mainer's, Inc., an organization in which members of trade unions are greatly interested, reported on the activities carried on by the organization during the past year at the semi-monthly meeting of the C. L. U. held on Wednesday, Dec. 25th.

Secretary McDonald explained the progress made on several important projects in which the organization is interested, including activities on the part of the Port of Portland, and matters to be taken up during the coming year. The report proved most interesting and expressions of appreciation were voiced by several delegates, who feel confident the organization's activities will mean a great deal to the future welfare of the city.

A report of the committee named to meet WPA Director Abrahamson in conference with President John D. Anderson of the Maine State Federation during the month, was also submitted.

initiated at the meeting. The proceedings of the conference were embodied in a letter written by President D. Anderson, which appears on another page. Representatives of the C. L. U. who participated in the conference were President Hagdon, Secretary McDonald and delegates Martin, S. J. Foster and D. E. Dyer. The report was accepted by those attending, pending an other conference to be held in the near future.

Locomotive Engineers
Elect Officers at Annual
Meeting, December 8

Members of Locomotive Engineers Division No. 10, at their annual meeting for the election of officers, held on Tuesday, a Sunday afternoon, December 8th, elected Frank A. Donnelly, first vice-president, and James E. Hagdon, first secretary. And these other officers for the ensuing three years: Secretary, Herman F. Dyer; chaplain, Michael M. Lynch. Delegate to International convention, George H. Watson, delegate to Legislative Board, Edith L. Loring, chairman local board of adjustment, H. F. Dodge, for the Maine Central, P. A. Daniels for the Boston & Maine and Willis E. Lum for the Canadian National.

Frank S. Hinks to
Head Printing Pressmen
Union Next Year

Members of Printing Pressmen and Bookbinders Union, at their meeting held in Carpenters hall last Wednesday evening, elected Frank S. Hinks as president and New Yorker as secretary. Vice-president, Thomas F. Lough, secretary-treasurer, Robert F. Kelly, Charles Smith, J. J. Lough and A. F. Kelly were elected members of the executive board.

Clayton S. McDonald and Services, which were named committees to make arrangements for the union's annual social, to be held in January, the time, place and other details to be announced later.

Gorham Makes Come-Back
as Head of
Union Longshoremen

Michael J. Gorham, who, with the exception of last year, had been president of Portland Longshoremen's Union Local 861 for many years, was elected at the meeting held in Gorham's hall on December 4th, over two opposing candidates by a substantial majority.

Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Philip T. O'Donnell, Jr., recording secretary, Stephen E. Kelly, financial secretary, Stephen J. Flaherty, treasurer, John Thornton, physician, Dr. Donald J. Chase.

President Gorham is a member of the fact-finding committee named by Governor Louis J. Bram to study the Port of Portland and its needs.

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Letter Carriers Name
John H. Sullivan as
Pres. for Ensuing Year

Members of the Portland Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers, at their annual meeting, held December 26th, elected John H. Sullivan as president and the following other officers:

Vice-president, Raymond Dunning; secretary-treasurer, Paul Turcotte; sub-secretary, William G. Brown and J. A. McDonald; trustees, Louis Grinker, W. A. Powers and P. F. Francis; sergeant-at-arms, W. E. Brown. The organization went on record as a participation in the Olympic games in Germany next year.

The meeting, which was largely attended and at which other matters of importance were acted upon, was held in the civil service room of the Post Office.

Portland C. L. U. to
Sponsor President's
"Birthday Ball"

President Lester Hagdon and delegates Tarble, Corbin, Ferraro, Stoney and Laker were named a committee at the December 11th meeting of the Portland Central Labor Union to make arrangements for the President's Birthday Ball, which is to be held on Thursday evening, January 30th.

The selection of music a hall and other matters for the celebration will be included in the report of the committee to be submitted at tomorrow (Wednesday) night's meeting. The object of the occasion, to provide funds for the maintenance of the home at Warm Springs, Fla., established by President Roosevelt for the treatment of infantile paralysis is one in which labor is greatly interested, and the committee will spare no means or expense in making this year's affair equal, if not superior to the previous ones.

Portland Man Special
Counsel for Pittsburg
Division of NLRB

Robert B. Watts, special counsel for the Pittsburgh division of the National Labor Relations Board, is a former Portland man, being the son of ex-Chief of Police Watts, who retired several years ago to go into the insurance business.

Mr. Watts, who is a former assistant United States District Attorney of New York, made a brilliant and successful record in his position against the five hundred Bus Lines, recently arrested before the National Labor Relations Board. Charles O. Furn, counsel for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and Bus Operators, represented Pittsburgh Local 1663.

Mr. Watts left a lucrative law practice to take up the cudgel for the bringing man and cannot be too highly praised for his preparation and handling of the case.

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MAINE DESIGNATED AS CENTER FOR APPOINTMENT OF NEW ORGANIZERS BY FEDERATION OF WOOLEN WORKERS

Presidence, R. I. Dec. 16.—The executive council of the Federation of Woollen Workers of America, after a session with the United Textile Workers of America, meeting in the New England headquarters here yesterday, decided to recommend to the annual convention, to be held in Manchester, N. H., on January 12, the appointment of organizers to launch membership campaigns in centers where the Federation has not strong local groups.

These organizers, the Council decided, shall be responsible to the Federation and the International officers of the U. T. W. of A. Centers named for the organization campaigns were Lawrence, Mass., Hingham, N. J., Maine and Vermont.

Secretary Anthony Valente, in the statement for the Council, declared that already there is a steady gain in membership in Lawrence and the demand for organization has warranted the opening of an office in charge of an organizer.

Bragdon and Tardif Candidates for Portland C. L. U. Presidency

Leban Bragdon, president of the Portland Central Labor Union during the past year, will have as opponent for reelection, Albert W. Tardif, who represents the Portland Central Labor Union. Mr. Bragdon is president of Local 158, Moving Picture Operators' Union.

Other officers nominated for the annual election, which is to be held on Wednesday evening January 1st, are: For Vice-president, Ephraim P. Corbin, Boot and Shoe Workers 656; Recording and Finance Secretary, Frank C. McDonald, Street Railway Employees Division 711; Treasurer, Ernest I. Frank, Sheet Metal Workers 95.

Trustees, three to be elected—Dan J. Lashier, Portland Stage Employees 111; Edward W. Silvester, Carpenters' Local 517; and Robert Wilkins, Boot and Shoe Workers 656. Sergeant-at-Arms, Alphonse Martin, Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers Local 237.

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BANGOR Motorman Dies of Heart Trouble at Controls of Street Car

Sudden death came to Edward Louis of Bangor last week as the car was being driven on the street. He died of a heart attack while at the controls of a street car.

After stepping out of the car, Mr. Louis returned to his post of duty and almost immediately afterwards collapsed.

It was the first instance where the local union had been requested to act in conformity with action taken by the I. A. A. which has been waging a battle against non-union conditions in Gulf ports since the strike started more than two months ago.

Suggestion by Benoit to Establish Development Fund Bears Fruit

Prompted by the success shown in securing pledges of \$15,000 to make possible the reopening of the Haskell Mill at Westbrook, suggestions for raising a fund of \$100,000 for the development of industries as a means for reviving and stimulating business in the Greater Portland area, offered by Henri Benoit, are bearing fruit with good possibilities for future success.

Local business men are optimistic in their praise of Mr. Benoit's suggestion, on the ground that it would create a revolving fund for taking advantage of every opportunity to bring in industrial prosperity to the Portland area.

Included in Mr. Benoit's plan is to provide more liberally for convention purposes, to finance and in other ways aid organizations to encourage the convention idea.

Portland, with its many fine hotels, apartment houses and other facilities, is especially well prepared to handle large convention delegations, and it is the feeling of business men that something should be done to give this plan greater encouragement.

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Gov. Curley's Action in Avoiding Ry. Strike Meets With Favor

Governor Curley's successful efforts in avoiding a strike on the narrow gauge railroad in Bangor, during the week, by using his influence with the strikers of the road, and by this means bringing about conciliatory measures, which caused a change of heart on the part of the strikers' officials, was favorably commented on by P. J. Griffin, vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and Bus Operators, during the week.

Governor Curley's attitude regarding refusal on the part of officials, through their counsel, Samuel Hearn, to deal with the union, was brought about by Robert J. Watt, secretary of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, and immediately the Governor and the strikers of the road, Rev. Wood, a trustee of the Boston, Rev. Wood and Lynn Railroad, who suggested a conference between officials of the company and the union, and by this means avoid a strike.

A letter addressed to J. J. Griffin, vice-president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and Bus Operators, was sent to the union, and Mr. Griffin has the company had decided to confer with representatives of the union.

PEJEPSCOT Members of P. M. Local 23 Worried Over Stone's Disappearance

The whereabouts of William Stone is still a mystery, and members of the Pejepscot Local 23 are greatly worried, lest something terrible has happened.

Mr. Stone, an able member of the local union for many years, dropped from view on November 27th, after attending a football game at Bangor, and nothing has been heard from him since.

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Mr. Stone's present location will be greatly appreciated. Write to J. J. Griffin, secretary, Local 23, 1000 Falls Maine.

Members elected by Local 23 at a monthly meeting held in Community Hall on Sunday December 1st are as follows:

President, George W. Moffatt; recording secretary, John J. Kivens; financial secretary, Ralph Russell; treasurer, Charles Miller; sergeant-at-arms, John Bouhater; trustees—George W. McKenney, J. Taylor and James Watkins.

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LABOR-FARMER ALLIANCE SEEN AS BRINGING BETTER LIFE TO NATION'S WORKERS

When City and Country Workers Stand Together, Politicians Will Bow Before Them and Industrial Justice Can Be Won, I. M. Ornburn Tells Farmers' Convention—Plan Talks Two Groups.

Kaukauck, Ill., Dec. 4 (LNS)—Speaking to the general convention of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, I. M. Ornburn, vice-president of the National Farmers' Union, said:

"There is no financial obligation on the part of either group. It merely means that the workers of farm and factory are going to use this great economic weapon—collective bargaining—permanently to establish both groups in the market place."

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"We must urge the ladies always to ask for the union label, shop card or button. Not only the crop, meat, dairy and poultry products of the farm are included in this plan, but there is an unusual advantage, through the arrangement, for the farm women to sell canned fruits and vegetables. When a merchant displays the farmers' union card in his window, he will be only too glad to sell all the products of the farm as well as the unique made goods of factories."

"In my opinion, this plan, which originated in five counties in Alabama, and is now spreading to other parts of the country, is one of the most powerful forces in society for the farmers and the city workers. This is not a theory. Today it is being practically demonstrated in over a hundred counties in the United States."

"The National Recovery Administration, and other places which did not like the plan, have tried to stop it. But the plan is safe and sane for workers and farmers to the members of labor unions likewise."

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Lewis Makes Use of Childish Tactics

Offer to President Green to Lead Industrial Group
Looked Upon as Mere Prattle

The interest manifested by the public concerning the possibility of a break in the trade union movement because of the formation of an Industrial Union Committee, the initiator of which is John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is also chairman, is something that calls for deep consideration.

To all inquirers, the writer has given assurance that neither John Lewis nor any other man or group of men have it in their power to even make "a dent" in the American Federation of Labor, because the organization is not only sound in principle but because it has stood its ground, without flinching, for more than half a century.

Although entertaining no fears regarding anything that might happen as the result of what President Green terms as an attempt to form a new movement, it is not good policy to make little of the interest manifested by the public. There are some, of course, who are elated over the prospect of a fight within the A. F. of L. Nothing would please them any more. On the other hand, hosts of fair-minded people, who appreciate what Labor has accomplished through the A. F. of L., are fearful lest the Labor movement might suffer considerably.

However, as was expected, something happened a few days ago that put Mr. Lewis in a different light as far as the public is concerned, as his utterances of the past few days have placed him in a position that has greatly decreased his standing as a leader of prominence in the trade union movement.

This came about through a letter written to President Green, in which Lewis stated he would gladly resign the chairmanship of the committee in his favor, if he (Mr. Green) would resign as president of the A. F. of L.

Considered as mere childish prattle was Mr. Lewis' remark, which contained the following query: "Why not return to your father's business? You will be welcome. If you care to dissociate yourself from your present position, the Committee for Industrial Organization will be happy to make you its chairman in my stead."

What nonsense some people will stoop to as a means for gaining their ends! Imagine for a moment that any considerable number of people in the trade union movement, or out of it, would look upon this as anything but mere baloney.

It is most regretful that Mr. Lewis and his associates have seen fit to return to childish means in their efforts to convince the three and one-half million members affiliated with the A. F. of L. that the craft union system is obsolete, and to entertain any hopes that by this flimsy means they can succeed.

This action on the part of Mr. Lewis and officials of other organizations, who joined with him, in their efforts to change the A. F. of L.'s policy, appears to be extremely short-sighted, and if we may say so, somewhat ungrateful. At least two of these, aside from Mr. Lewis' organization, have benefited tremendously from the A. F. of L. during the past few years, or since the institution of the NRA.

These organizations had suffered tremendously as the result of the business depression, and immediately—with the assistance of representatives of the A. F. of L. and through the efforts of State Branches and Central bodies—made unprecedented gains in membership.

In a recent issue of The Labor News, we suggested Mr. Lewis and his associates should have confined their efforts to meeting halls and in conventions. In other

words, it shouldn't have been turned into a public affair, and made the subject of ridicule.

While no fears are entertained regarding any great harm that might come to the Labor movement, nevertheless, it is a matter that may retard progress, and to hinder this at this crucial moment in the history of the A. F. of L. is not conducive to the best interests of the millions of workers who are dependent upon the activities and success of that organization.

"Bosses Want to Be Left Alone"

Opposed to Any Government Plans to Regulate Business—In Fighting Mood at Washington Meeting

Representatives of large corporations and independents answered the call of the President's Coordinator for Industrial Cooperation for the conference held in Washington last Monday, but for no good purpose.

They met Major George L. Berry with a chip on their shoulder, and maintained an attitude of antagonism which, according to reports, almost resulted in an altercation.

Publicity agents for big business made it known several months ago, and this attitude was made plain at the recent convention of the National Business Congress, that business wanted to be left alone, and would oppose all means devised to regulate or in any way interfere with their affairs.

So, it was no surprise that vigorous opposition was manifested at the Washington conference this week, which started immediately after the meeting was opened.

"We've got ours; we are satisfied, and we don't want the Government, nor anyone else, to meddle with our affairs. We have the courts on our side, and through this and other means which money and influence can accomplish, we will again be able to amass great fortunes, and make it possible to re-establish living standards as they were prior to the business depression."

While not told in exactly these words, this is the prevailing sentiment, and every possible effort will be made to re-establish the rule or ruin policy which brought the country almost on the verge of bankruptcy in 1933.

It had been hoped by the President, when creating this new office in the Department of Commerce, that a sufficient number of capitalists were appreciative of that which had been done for them, and that these would willingly cooperate in adopting some sort of a system that would aid in effecting a return of normal employment.

But, it is evident, this element in attendance at the conference are in absolute opposition to any such plan. They are dead set against the Labor Relations Act, the National Social Security Act, the holding company law, and for that matter, are opposed to everything which in any way causes them inconvenience or which is liable to cut into their profits.

According to reliable statistics, the present number of unemployed workers in this country is more than 11,000,000, and something like 35,000,000 dependents, whose support comes from Federal, State and municipal funds. The best that industry can do, when under full steam, it is estimated, may be able to absorb about 3,000,000 unemployed. What is to become of the remaining 8,000,000, unless some provision is made, through shortening of working hours and by other means, is a grave question.

The subjects scheduled for discussion at the Washington conference were of more than ordinary importance, and the least that was expected was that the so-called captains of industry—those who were looked up to as supermen prior to the depression, but who didn't know where they were at—would cooperate in working out this most important problem.

That their attitude may cause a flare-back which might greatly surprise them, is almost certain. Advocates of this plan in Congress had strong hopes something constructive would come from the Washington conference, and disappointed over the results, it would not be at all surprising that the next Congress will pass laws that will make these opponents of progress sit up and think.

Do Nothing Policy Won't Curb Law Breaking

Federal Prosecution and G-Men Cooperation Needed to Enforce Hawes-Cooper Prison-Made Goods Law

Industry and labor groups which have been fighting unfair competition of prison-made goods have protested the propriety of the Attorney-General's instructions to U. S. district attorneys that no further investigations of violations of the Summer-Ashurst prison industries act be made until the constitutionality of the Federal act is definitely determined. While it is sincerely

reported that the instructions have been withdrawn, the principle needs stressing that it is the business of the executive departments to enforce the laws made by Congress until they are held invalid. A sharp reprimand from Congress is entirely in order if the Department of Justice lies down on its job at the first signs of objection to a law, especially from prison contractors.

To balance the account, it should be entered on the record that considerable credit for the success of U. S. Attorney Donnelly in obtaining an indictment against the Minevra Manufacturing Company of New York is due to the U-men of the Department of Justice. State prosecutions of prison industry law violation have produced indifferent results. Donnelly adopted a new procedure. Although operating from Grand Rapids, Michigan, he called in the G-men to get facts; through them he got at the books of the concern in New York; state lines were eliminated; evasions, legal and otherwise, were stopped. But one such victory is not enough. After having once slowed down enforcement of the Act, Attorney-General Cummings needs to do more than adopt a do-nothing policy in order to show his good faith. Unless he does take a more aggressive position towards these lawbreakers, somebody may charge that his heart is not in the job of enforcing the act and that he may be sympathetic toward the system operating in his own state of Connecticut, which ships large quantities of prison-made goods into other states in ruinous competition with free industry and with disastrous effect upon labor standards.

State enforcement is not easy. Contracts for 25,000 wood tables from the Ionia and 10,000 metal bridge tables and 40,000 metal chairs from Jackson (Mich.) prisons were allegedly made after passage of the Michigan act prohibiting sale of prison-made goods in Michigan in competition with those manufactured by private enterprise.

Labor wants Federal prosecution and G-men cooperation continued as already stated. Labor is anxious to obtain enforcement of the Summer-Ashurst and Hawes-Cooper Acts and does not want to have progress delayed by either New Deal or regular government agencies, some of which seem to be working at cross purposes and playing into the hands of prison contractors. Industry, too, is watching closely the moves of the Prison Industries Board, which has been authorized to have funds for carrying on the field. Is that to be just another boondoggle? Or is it to be suspected as another deal to delay enforcement of the laws for which labor, industry and the public fought for so many years?

Kill the "New Deal," It Has Served Its Purpose

So Decide Business Men Through United States Chamber of Commerce Referendum—They Got Theirs, and It's to H—With Everyone Else!

Business men, large and small, have spoken their "little piece" regarding the New Deal, through the United States Chamber of Commerce. According to the result of the vote, an overwhelming majority of U. C. members throughout the country are against what they term "further domination by the Government."

In other words, "They've got theirs, and it's to H—with everybody else."

The fact remains, however, that this referendum and the result of the straw vote conducted by Literary Digest, did not represent the views of the great masses of people, whose votes are what count on election day.

Opponents of the New Deal are making a great hurrah over recent victories in municipal elections, but it is strongly contended by New Dealers that by no means can these be construed as forecasting what might occur at the coming general elections.

Working people, millions and millions of whom benefited from the New Deal, have not forgotten the hardships endured through four years of Hooverism. Big business, through its professional politicians and subsidized newspapers can holler their heads off, but the good that came to working people through the institution of the New Deal has made an impression which we feel confident cannot be blotted out between now and next Fall's election.

It is true that some of the criticisms launched against the Administration may be well placed. But when one stops to consider what it meant to provide work and sustenance for some 40 millions of people, and to try to put a country like the United States on its feet when its financial and business conditions were on the verge of bankruptcy, it is not surprising that some of the experiments may not have met with expectations.

But this makes little or no impression upon those determined to put the New Deal out of commission. The minions authorized to speak for big business, notwith-

standing the fact that business during the past two years has made remarkable advances, and that the so-called captains of industry who were "in the dumps" in 1933 are rapidly recouping their fortunes, are taking advantage of every loophole in their endeavors to poison the minds of the masses of working people against it.

What is actually behind this whole affair? It can't be their opposition is directed against the President, as years ago, when the NRA was in full force and effect, the President and his entourage were hailed as "Saviors of the Nation." But this was while business leaders were beginning to see daylight—when everything began to look rosy—and hopes of recouping their huge salaries and dividends were in the making.

"We found no fault then with sections in the NRA which gave working people certain rights, principally that of collective bargaining with employers, minimum wages and improved working conditions. Hypocritically, they bent the knee and accepted these changes without a murmur. Not until they had become secure in their belief that the return of prosperity was certain did they start their opposition. And for what reason? None other than that wealth would have to pay its proper share in defraying the expense."

There was no opposition to the processing tax when it was adopted as a means for reimbursing the Treasury with the billions appropriated for making loans to major industries, and to create jobs for more than five millions of unemployed workers. But, when the time came to pay, there was H—to pay, as was also their opposition to all plans suggested as a means for giving all the people, the rich as well as the poor, a square deal.

To demonstrate this absolute opposition to the New Deal, its opponents, who were the principal beneficiaries, were the prime movers in destroying it through machinations, which brought the NRA before the Supreme Court on a test case.

Since then, it has been a battle between big business, through its political minions, and the Administration. Present indications are, however, that the President is still "on top" and that notwithstanding all the vicious newspaper and magazine propaganda launched during the past year, the President is "thumbing his nose" at his adversaries, feeling confident that although big business has deserted him, he still has on his side the millions of working people, who look upon him as the "Saviour of mankind."

A New Idea to Provide Cheaper Electrification

South Carolina Public Utility Commission Proposes Wholesale Rate to Encourage Use of Electricity by Groups in Rural Districts.

The work of the Rural Electrification Administration is showing up in places where it begins to mean something more tangible than an electric current. The South Carolina Public Utility Commission is proposing to put the wholesale rate for current on a schedule starting at 1½ cents per kilowatt hour and dropping to 8 mills. This rate is intended to be available for cooperative groups of farm users and country communities, to make current available for use outside of cities at a rate which will actually encourage the freer use of this transportable energy by housewives and farmers.

Another new idea put forward by the REA is the cutting out of the construction charge to country users of electric current, and putting the charges upon a minimum use rate entirely, while there is a group of five or more who will use the service within a given mile of new line. State Public Service Commissions and public utility companies responding to the new program for extending electric service lines, and the concurrent reduction of prices for electrical service units such as refrigerators, stoves and the like, are acting as a spur to this development.

There can be no doubt that this new policy of the power companies will have a stimulating effect on employment all along the line, from the construction of the new service lines in country places to the manufacture of the service equipment and household utilities.

HOME WORK MENACE

The U. S. Women's Bureau finds that women and children are working in poverty-stricken homes at rates which net as low as three cents an hour. This is in making parts for artificial flowers.

Chiselers who pay starvation rates for industrial home work are reported by the Women's Bureau to be found in every part of the country, though most commonly in the industrial cities. Every center of such "home industry" is a deadly menace to decent wages.

Pres. Green Strongly Endorses Christmas Seal Campaign

In a letter addressed to all State Branches, Committee Chairman William Green of the American Federation of Labor gives strong endorsement to the Christmas Seal campaign, and urges the liberal purchase of these stamps for the benefit of the tuberculous.

"There is no condition in life which teaches human emotions so deeply as that of sick men, women and children who would bring healing. Care and protection of these distressed people is an obligation. Therefore, I appeal to all to give as they have never given before to the tuberculosis association so that they may continue their work against this terrible disease."

"We should strengthen and support the tuberculosis associations because their help and assistance are badly needed. The contribution that any individual makes through the purchase of Christmas Seals represents the discharge of a civic duty which he should perform. Be generous and liberal."

—WILLIAM GREEN, President, A. F. of L.

A. P. Lists 196 Judicial Autocrats

The Associated Press has been making a survey of the Federal courts. Counting the members of the Supreme Court, it finds 196 Federal judges. Of these, 101 are elected by Republicanism—practically all of them by Harding, Coolidge and Hoover. The rest are elected by Democrats—Woodrow Wilson or Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Those figures would be of little importance if it were not for the fact that Federal judges claim the right to any law passed by Congress. And they become additionally significant when it is known that practically every decision against the New Deal has been rendered by a judge placed in office by Harding, Coolidge or Hoover.

The people voted for a New Deal in 1932 and renewed their demand in 1934. They put Mr. Roosevelt in the White House and elected him a two-thirds majority in both branches of Congress because they wanted certain reforms. Now these reforms are being systematically wiped off this statute books by judges picked by the party responsible for the present situation. There is no other country in the world that has such a situation. To make our situation still more intolerable, the power these judges exercise is absolute. There is no appeal. There is not a line in our Constitution to support it," says Lawyer, official member of the Railway Brotherhood.

LABOR QUERIES

Questions and Answers on Labor: What It Has Done: Where It Stands on Problems of the Day: Its Aims and Program: Who's Who in the Ranks of the Organized Toilers, etc., etc.

Q—How many unions have membership in the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor?
A—Nineteen.

Q—Is the move by labor for the six-hour day a development of the present-day restoration policy?
A—Labor has seen the movement coming for many years. In 1919, the American Federation of Labor convention declared that many unions' deplorable condition would demand the six-hour day and the restoration policy was directed to give help to all such organizations.

Q—Is there an American Federation of Labor called the Laborers' Union of America?
A—There will soon be, as President E. Claude Babcock of the American Federation of Government Employees has issued a call for a convention in Chicago beginning December 3. The Laborers' Union of America and municipal employees. Mr. Babcock's organization has been successfully pushing the A. F. of L. to include these workers in its jurisdiction.

Q—Who said "I regard it as the imperative duty of all members of organized labor to give moral and financial support to the labor press of the country?"
A—Samuel Gompers.

Q—How did coal miners first organize in the United States?
A—Earliest unions were as assemblies of the Knights of Labor. The National Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers was formed in 1895, National Progressive Union in 1899, all the coal miners' organizations combined as the United Mine Workers of America.

Q—What union is the last of the craft divisions to leave the International Brotherhood of Craft Unions?
A—The Typographical Union.

Q—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was founded in 1890 and which was recognized by the I. O. O. F. in 1901. The I. O. O. F. was originally composed of the various crafts in the printing industry.

Q—Has labor taken any stand on the question of the tip scale for beer?
A—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, American Federation of Labor, recently expressed its opposition to the ground that the scale is not man-made, but is a natural law of the product of the labor and skill of the workers, but are entitled to a fair share of the product of their labor and skill.

Q—The use of glass bottles for beer, ale and port wine is a practice which has been under union control since the use of the union label.

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Members of organized Labor in Maine were greatly pleased over the

Taunton Unionists -Pleased Over Election of Local Members

election of two outstanding workers at last week's municipal election.

In referring to this, Mrs. Gertrude L. Hoye, secretary of the Massachusetts Traffic Council, writes as follows:

"Dear Mr. Editor: I am so pleased over the outcome of our City election in regards to Labor men that I am forwarding the news to you.

"Two very outstanding workers in the interest of Labor were elected to

our Municipal Council in Harold Field, secretary of the National Labor Union, a member of the National Typographical Union, and a member of the National

spoken on different occasions at Council meetings, and a member of Silver

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"I know you will be glad to hear this as I was, what we need more of in any justice done toward
